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MODEL EXAMINATION, MARCH 2021

Part - I

Time : 2½ Hours

ENGLISH

Cool-off time : 20 Minutes

Maximum : 80 Scores

General Instructions to Candidates :

- 20 Minutes is given as cool-off time.
- Use the 'Cool-off time' to read the questions and plan your answers.
- Attempt the questions according to the instructions.
- Keep in mind, the score and time while answering the questions.
- The maximum score for questions from 1 to 39 will be 80.

Answer the following questions from 1 to 39 upto a maximum score of 80.

(Question Nos. 1-3) : Read the excerpt from *The Three Ls of Empowerment* and answer the questions that follow. Each carries 1 score.

Education is the foundation upon which any change is built. Learning helps women to help themselves and break the shackles of exclusion. Nowhere is this more essential than in the developing world. There is an African adage that goes : "If you educate a boy, you train a man. If you educate a girl, you train a village."

1. Which word in the passage means 'a well-known phrase expressing a general truth about people or the world' ?
2. How can women break the shackles of exclusion ?
3. What does the adage mentioned in the given passage convey ? (3 × 1 = 3)
4. Complete the passage given below with suitable words selected from those given in the box.

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At the end of the day, the profit (a) their sales is split between them and Sammaan. The money that rickshaw pullers earn (b) transporting the passengers is solely theirs. The revenues (c) our rickshaw pullers have increased 30 (d) 40%.

(4 × 1 = 4)

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5. God has given me two ears to listen to others. (Rewrite the sentence, beginning as suggested)

Two ears _____ (1)

(Question Nos. 6-8) : Read the lines from the poem *Rice* and answer the questions that follow :

Above us, a 'ship of the sky' roars northwards,
drowning my brother's loud cries-
the Chief Minister's off like an arrow to the Centre
to clamour for more grains, now flying high
above the cash crops, now growing tall like the trees,
since no one here promotes the farming of rice.

6. What does 'ship of the sky' represent ? (1)

7. Whose brother is mentioned in the second line of the given stanza ? (1)

8. Bring out the satirical elements in the given lines. (2)

9. After reading the poem *Rice* you realize that there is a drastic fall in agricultural crops in your locality also. Draft two suggestions which you think will benefit your village.

(a) _____

(b) _____ (2 × 1 = 2)

10. The following passage from the story *Matchbox* has some errors. Identify them and edit the passage.

Nomita pulls the basket of potatoes towards herself and sits down to peel potatoes, and on her mind she keeps think about how she might be able, secretly, to sent her mother few rupees. (4 × 1 = 4)

11. Change the given sentences into indirect speech.

Martha : Will the depositors lose much, Robert ?

Baldwin : The depositors will not lose a cent. (2)

12. Explain the idea conveyed in these lines from the poem *Any Woman*.

Without me cold the hearthstone stands,
Nor could the precious children thrive.

(2)

13. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow :

“And your mouth is like a section of road
that is being worked on.”

- (a) Name the poet whose lines are quoted here.
(b) Identify a figure of speech used in these lines.

(2 × 1 = 2)

14. Read the following excerpt and answer the questions that follow :

“They usually begin to tick just before they go off. So if any of your parcels start making funny noises, you’ll know what to do.”

- (a) Who is the speaker of this statement ?
(b) Pick out the phrasal verb from the above passage and write down its meaning.

(2 × 1 = 2)

15. Read the excerpt from *A Three Wheeled Revolution* and answer the questions that follow. (1 score each)

According to my proposal, rickshaws were to be redesigned so that the spaces on the vehicles could be sold for the purposes of advertising and brand promotion. Also, I indicated that additional revenues could be made by selling products like water, juice, biscuits, mobile-cards, and newspapers to the passengers. I won the show and was offered the seed money of Rupees 150 lakhs.

- (a) Whose proposal is mentioned above ?
(b) How could a rickshaw puller make additional revenues ?
(c) Which word/phrase in the passage means ‘money provided to set up or develop a business venture’ ?

(3 × 1 = 3)

6. Choose the appropriate idioms from the box below and fill in the blanks in the sentences given. You may change the forms, if necessary.

once in a blue moon, the last straw, miss the boat, sit on the fence

- (a) My brother lives in the U.S.A., so I only get to see him _____.
- (b) I sent off my university application at the last minute and nearly _____.
- (c) She criticised the representatives of the union for _____ and failing to make a useful contribution to the argument. (3 × 1 = 3)

17. Elaborate the idea in the following lines :

God too must have stammered
when He created man.

That is why all the words of man
carry different meanings. (3)

18. A debate is being organized in your class on the topic 'Educated Indian women get the space they deserve in society'. Prepare four arguments for/against the topic. (4)

19. Irfan Alam is visiting your school to inaugurate a panel discussion on 'Entrepreneurship and Society' in connection with the Gandhi Jayanthi Celebrations. As you are the school leader it is your responsibility to introduce him to the audience. Prepare the script of the welcome/introduction speech. (4)

20. You have noticed that in recent times food crops have been replaced by cash crops in our state. Write four points to highlight how this is harmful to society. (4)

21. Prepare a profile of Wangari Maathai from the hints given.

- Born - 1 April 1940, Nyeri, Kenya
- Education - B.Sc., M.Sc., PhD (from the University of Nairobi)
- Founder - Green Belt Movement
- Fame - Kenyan environmentalist, political activist, women's rights activist

Awards and Honours - Right Livelihood Award (1986), Nobel Peace Prize (2004), Indira Gandhi Peace Prize (2006), World Citizenship Award (2007)

Died - 25 September 2011 (5)

22. Robert Baldwin in *The Hour of Truth* overcomes the temptation of money. He is a man of complete honesty. Sketch the character of Robert Baldwin in a paragraph. (5)
23. Dr. Hardin B. Jones presents the harmful effects of sensual drugs on the human body in his article entitled *Dangers of Drug Abuse*. Prepare an essay highlighting the consequences of drug addiction. (5)
24. In the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic you spent a lot of time reading books and novels by various authors. In the meantime a friend sent you a novel called 'The Virus' which he wrote during the pandemic. He has requested you to write a blurb for it. Prepare the blurb.
(Hints : theme – message – characters – relevance of the topic – style) (5)
25. "Women should step outside their comfort zones", says Christine Lagarde. Do you agree with her statement ? Express your views in the form of a write-up. (5)
26. The two amigo brothers decided to stay apart till the date of the contest to avoid tension and to present a good performance to the audience. Imagine that Antonio writes an email to Felix, the day before the championship. Prepare the email. (5)
27. Nomita proved herself to be a matchbox at the end of the story. Prepare a character sketch of Nomita in the light of this statement. (5)
28. Compare and contrast the attitude of the poet and his neighbour on the need for a wall on their boundary. (5)
29. After reading the anecdote *Horegallu* you realize the need of *Horegallus* in this busy world of today. Keeping this in mind you have decided to begin a blog. Prepare a post for the blog. (5)

30. Adjustment and reconciliation are lubricants which help life run smooth. Discuss the statement in connection with the story *Crime and Punishment*. Write your answer in a paragraph. (5)
31. The Arts Club of your school enacts the play *The Hour of Truth* in a theatre festival under your direction. What would be the content of the announcement that you would make before the commencement of the play? (5)
32. You are appointed as a journalist in a leading newspaper. The first assignment is to conduct an interview with Sudha Murty. Prepare 6 relevant questions for the interview. (6)
33. Your school has organised a seminar on the topic "Family empowers a woman". Prepare a report of the seminar to be published in the school magazine. You can use the given hints.
(Hints : date and time – venue – inauguration – welcome speech – paper presentation – open forum – vote of thanks) (6)
34. Underlining C. K. Prahlad's idea, Irfan Alam says, "Business can be successful by targeting the bottom of the pyramid". Explain your view on this, taking into account the success of the Kudumbasree/She Taxi projects in Kerala. (6)
35. Ratna and the grandfather in the anecdote *Horegallu* proved themselves to be human horegallus. Imagine that you are a reporter of a daily and you come to know about a local personality who has been doing selfless service for some years, providing drinking water to the needy. Prepare a newspaper report highlighting his service to society. (8)
36. 'An honest and virtuous man will be rewarded by God in the end' is the moral of *The Hour of Truth*. Prepare an article to be published in the school magazine on 'The Need for Total Honesty in life'. (8)

37. Given below is an advertisement in a popular daily, posted by Shaheen Mistri, CEO of Teach for India seeking volunteers to teach children in low-income areas of your locality. Imagine that you have all the qualifications for the post. Prepare an application letter and a resume for the post.

VOLUNTEER TEACHERS [HIGH SCHOOL]

Essential Qualification – Graduation/Post Graduation

Desirable – Computer skills, and good command of spoken English

Experience – 2 years and above

Please send a detailed resume with contact number and mailing address to

The CEO

TEACH FOR INDIA

Sector -10, JN Street, Mumbai – 20

(8)

38. Imagine that you have been elected ward member. Realizing that your education paved the way for your success, prepare the script of a speech to address the people of your locality.

(8)

39. Read the lines from the poem *Mother, A Cradle to Hold Me* by Maya Angelou.

It is true

I was created in you.

It is also true

That you were created for me.

I owned your voice.

It was shaped and tuned to soothe me.

Your arms were molded

Into a cradle to hold me, to rock me.

The scent of your body was the air

Perfumed for me to breathe.

Mother,

During those early, dearest days

I did not dream that you had

A large life which included me,

For I had a life

Which was only you.

I feared if I let you go

You would leave me eternally.

You smiled at my fears, saying

I could not stay in your lap forever.

Without warning you left me,

But you returned immediately.

But relief did not rest with me easily.

You left again, but again returned.

Each time you re-entered my world

You brought assurance.

Slowly I gained confidence.

(Hints : soothe – to comfort; molded – shaped; cradle – baby bed; eternal – ever lasting)

Now, compare the poem with *Any Woman* by Katharine Tynan.

(Hints : theme, message, style, tone, poetic devices, etc.)

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